

Dear Public Health Committee Members

I am Warren Stevens of Southington, CT, CCDL Member and spokesperson for the Southington Sportsmen's Association and the Bell City Rifle Club representing several thousand voters and we are single issue votes in favor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.

**Gun control laws do not impact crime and we are adamantly opposed to SB 477 and HB 5397. There is no such thing as Gun Violence, it is another made up term. The real problem is criminals and criminal violence. The time, money and effort should be spent on that and not another 2 laws that will only impact law abiding citizens.**

SB 477 establishes a 21-person Commission on Gun Violence-who's on the commission and how are they chosen? The dangerous anti-gun groups in CT have lobbied and spent large sums of money on their propaganda to sway opinion to yet more failed gun control.

HB 5397 declares Gun Violence a Public Health Crisis and that it is an ongoing crisis and establishes an Office of Gun Violence Prevention and Advisory Council. These are two solutions in search of a problem. Neither will impact crime.

The state of CT would be better off investing in more Law Enforcement, getting tough on crime and prosecuting criminals. Per the DESPP website, over 70% of gun crimes in CT are not even prosecuted.

**The states of New Hampshire and Maine have Constitutional Carry and none of the bans on assault rifles, large capacity magazines, ghost guns and all the other made-up make-believe terms that CT uses. They have a minimal number of laws on firearms yet are always the two safest states in the country, far ahead of CT.**

**CT with all of its gun laws and restrictions do not keep us safe.**

Thank You

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